

Commonly Overlooked Passage Parts

Acts 20:27

Introduction:

- A. It is important to have “all the counsel” of God.
- B. It is easy to focus so much on some parts of a passage that you overlook other important part.
- C. We want to look at a few passages where parts are often overlooked.

Discussion:

I. The “Baptized” Part of Acts 16:30-34.

- A. Focus usually on “believe” part (v. 31).
- B. Must not overlook verses (32-34).
 - 1. Word spoken so they could believe (v. 32; cf. Rom. 10:17).
 - 2. Washed stripes — a fruit of repentance.
 - 3. Baptized “straightway” — same hour shows urgency.

II. The “Divorce” Part of Matt. 19:3-9.

- A. Focus usually on sin of remarriage (v. 9).
 - 1. Commonly believed that divorce not sinful unless remarry.
 - 2. Think one can divorce for any cause, but remarry only for one cause?
- B. Must not overlook the divorce “for every cause” part (vv. 3-6).
 - 1. Divorce for any cause other than fornication unlawful -- thus a sin!
 - 2. Remarriage adds sin to sin and gets on deeper in sin — specifically adultery.

III. The “Busybody” Part of 1 Pet. 4:15.

- A. No problem focusing on murderer, thief and evildoer.
- B. Must not forget about the “busybody.”
 - 1. *Allotrioepiskopos* — *Allotrios* (belonging to another) *episkopos* (overseer).
 - 2. A self-appointed overseers of another’s business -- meddler (ASV; cf. 1 Thess. 4:11; Prov 26:17; John 21:21,22)
 - 3. A sin often associated with idleness (2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim.5:13).
 - 4. Parents of married children often worst offenders.
- C. Other extreme is total non-involvement — even when physical or spiritual safety is at stake.

IV. The “Doctrine” Part of Rom. 16:17.

- A. Focus heavily on not causing division — great!
- B. Must not forget the “contrary to doctrine” clause.
 - 1. There is one thing worse than division (cf. Acts 18:12;19:29).
 - 2. Let’s face it: standing for truth sometimes forces a division.

V. The “Justifieth” Part in Prov. 17:15.

- A. Hear a lot about the danger of condemning the just.
- B. Hear very little about justifying the wicked.
 - 1. One can admit guilt and some will find a way to justify him.
 - 2. Once heard: One could kill his mother in broad day light and someone defend him saying she out to be killed.
 - 3. Which is worse? — both alike are an abomination.

Conclusion:

- A. We must balance it all out and not overlook any part.
- B. Let us “declare all the counsel of God.”